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GAINS ON ENTIRE 200-MILE FRONT CLAIMED BY THE PARIS WAR OFFICE

MOTORMAN IN FATAL CRASH RAN "L" TRAIN FROM THIRD CAR, INTERBOROUGH ADMITS

First Car's Circuit Defective and Second Was Trailer With No Motor.

LANTERN SIGNALS USED.

Passenger Asserted He Heard Motorman Urge That Train Be Taken Off.

The Interborough Company admitted in an ingenuous statement issued by Vice-President and General Manager Frank Hedley to-day that the local train which collided with an express train at the One Hundred and Sixteenth Street station of the Ninth Avenue "L" yesterday evening was being operated by a motorman stationed in the third car of the train.

John Collins, a guard, and Gottlieb Mischak, a clerk of No. 215 West One Hundred and Sixteenth street, were killed and fifty others were injured in the collision and the subsequent fire which destroyed two of the wooden cars.

Mr. Hedley said the motorman, T. McMahon, finding that there was something wrong with the first motor car "then operated his train from the second motor." To one not familiar with the operating methods of the "L" road this statement means that McMahon was in the motor box of the second car of the train.

But the "L" trains are made up of alternate motor cars and trailers. The first car of the local operated by McMahon was a motor car, the second was a trailer and the third was equipped with a motor box. Consequently McMahon was two cars away from the head of his train, working the electric control and the air brake while leaning far out of the window, staring into the snow and mist ahead in momentary danger of having his head knocked off.

CONDUCTOR ON FIRST CAR TO SIGNAL.

The motor box is on the right hand side of the car. On the front platform of the first car was the conductor, equipped with a lantern, with which he waved signals to the motorman, two cars behind.

This lantern signal system was

The Question of Defense

Much is being said about protecting ourselves against foreign invasion, but how about guarding against adversity, that bitter enemy who slink about the doorways of our homes and business places, ever on the alert to catch us off our guard and rob us of employment, competent workers, comfortable homes, safe investments, articles of value and various opportunities to enjoy the advantages of life in their fulness.

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M'CALL DOESN'T BLAME WOODEN CARS FOR FIRE ON THE "L."

"I was at the scene of the accident last night, and from what I saw and learned I do not believe that the wooden cars figured prominently as a factor in the roll of dead and injured. Numerous witnesses informed me that all the passengers inside the two cars had escaped before the flames began their work."

Statement of Chairman E. E. McCall of the Public Service Commission.

\$30,000,000 BOND ISSUE TO FINISH BARGE CANAL

Republicans Plan Constitutional Amendment to Complete Work in Whitman's Term.

The appointment of General Wetherpoon as State Superintendent of Public Works, with the special task of completing the \$101,000,000 barge canal, will result, it is said to-day, in a request by the Republicans for a \$30,000,000 bond issue. It is thought that this sum will be just enough to complete the canal.

It is said to be the Republican plan to have the bond issue effected by means of a constitutional amendment rather than by the two-time passage by the Legislature. The former operation would permit of the expenditure of the amount during Whitman's term of office, whereas passage through the Legislature would carry it over to the term of the next Governor.

BIGGEST COTTON CROP IN COUNTRY'S HISTORY

Yield This Year, According to Government Figures, Is More Than 16,000,000 Bales.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The United States this year has produced the greatest crop of cotton in its history. More than 16,000,000 bales—15,966,000 of lint cotton and linters cotton, unofficially estimated at from 600,000 to 650,000 bales—are the crop.

FRENCH SOLDIERS EDIT PERIODICAL FROM THE TRENCHES IN ARGONNE.

PARIS, Nov. 30 (Correspondence of Associated Press).—"The Echo of the Argonne" is the title of a new French periodical edited from the trenches in the depths of the Argonne forest, where the French and the Germans have disputed the ground yard by yard for more than three months.

It makes its debut with the announcement of a successful skirmish in which the "blue devils," the chasseurs, defeated the Germans once more in the Hausy forest and tells of a victory of the Russians in Poland and the progress of the allies in the north.

The leading article, double headed and in fat face type, announced the forthcoming distribution of 15,000 briar pipes in the trenches.

Greek Minister Hails.

Agrammannon Schlemm, who has been the Greek minister to the United States for four months, started home to-day on the America of the Italian Line. He has resigned his post and will leave the diplomatic service, he said, to enter the disturbed politics of his country.

TO FINE INTERBORO \$5,000 A DAY FOR JAMMING SUBWAY

Commissioner Maltbie Will Ask Board to Start Action at Once.

STANDEES AT ALL HOURS

Trains Taken Off in Non-Rush Hours Cause of Constant Overcrowding.

Charged with wantonly violating the overcrowding law in the subway, officials of the Interborough Company are to be brought to task to-morrow when Public Service Commissioner Maltbie will ask his colleagues to begin suit in the name of the city. Commissioner Maltbie says each day's violation of the overcrowding law imposes a penalty of \$5,000 and he adds that he has evidence of a number of such violations.

Commissioner Maltbie is proceeding under Section 54 of the Public Service Law, which provides that for every failure to obey the commission's orders requiring adequate service, there shall be a fine of not exceeding \$5,000 for each violation a day to cover each distinct violation, and that every officer or agent of the company who aids or abets a violation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

"A full sentence may go with the punishment," declared the Commissioner.

Speaking of the action he proposes taking to relieve subway conditions, Commissioner Maltbie says:

"Investigations of the subway service in non-rush hours made at my request during the past few weeks, show that cars were crowded when more trains could have been run, that the orders of the Commission were constantly violated, and that the numerous complaints received regarding inadequate service were largely justified."

"During rush hours the Interborough Company claims to be operating trains to the maximum capacity of the lines, and no more can be expected. But there is no excuse for constant crowding of the cars at non-rush hours and for continual failure to comply with the orders of the Commission. Under present conditions, passengers must be indecently crowded at certain hours, but because they are accustomed to it is no reason why they should be compelled to hang on to straps when it is not necessary."

"A recent tally by the Transportation Department of the Commission, taken at the Ninety-sixth Street Station on one Saturday night and Sunday morning between 11:20 P. M. and 1:40 A. M., shows that the northbound trains had standing passengers in every period of twenty minutes except one. At another time there were standing passengers from 10:40 P. M. to 1:40 A. M. Upon a recent Sunday night there was overcrowding from 9:20 P. M. to midnight. Another count showed congestion from 2:20 to 5:20 P. M. on Sunday."

"These are not isolated cases. If the orders of the Commission mean anything, they should be enforced; if they are not to be enforced they ought to be rescinded."

Boston Stock Exchange Reopens.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—The Boston Stock Exchange was reopened to-day after a suspension of trading for 109 business days due to the war. Fifty-five members were on the floor when the gong sounded. The first transaction was in American Telephone at 117, the same listing as when the exchange closed. The sale was quickly approved by a special committee of five who sat on all sales.

BIGAMIST'S WIVES (4) TELL IN COURT HOW HE WON THEM

Wooing of Von Wagner Is Graphically Described to Recorder McGovern.

SAY HE GOT THEIR \$\$\$.

When He Had Bride's Money, "Marryer" Always Disappeared, They Charge.

Recorder McGovern to-day issued a warrant for Karl von Wagner, who is being sought by the Hoboken police for alleged matrimonial swindling games. Four women testified he had married and robbed them in quick succession. His partner, Arthur Klee, is held in \$2,000 bail for the Grand Jury on a charge of conspiracy, which he denies.

The Hoboken Police Court was a rendezvous for von Wagner's alleged wives, ex-wives and prospective wives. They sat close together and talked and talked. They had only one subject of conversation—"HIM."

There was no suggestion of envy or rivalry in the air. They seemed most interested in the problem of how to get their money back; next to that, in the chance of punishing von Wagner, and only slightly in the old song, somewhat altered, "I wonder who's kissing him now?"

Recorder McGovern had Klee brought to the bar. Men who keep cafes and lodging houses identified him as the partner of Von Wagner, who got his mail at their houses. Two of the women identified him as Von Wagner's constant associate, and Miss Marie Belich told how he tried to marry her, though she met him only once.

"Why didn't you see him again?" asked the Recorder.

"I didn't like his looks," Miss Marie replied.

The spectators tittered. Here are his looks: He is tall, thin, dejected and knockkneed; complexion blond and pale; hair unkempt, mustache pathetically puny, expression sad.

Mrs. Rose Stetten Edelman testified she met Von Wagner in Chicago, where she read his advertisement in a matrimonial paper. He told her he had money. He married her as Arthur Edelman, she testified. She drew her \$800 savings from the bank and brought it to Hoboken, where she lived three weeks with him. Then he vanished with \$600 of her money, she charges. She identified Klee as his intimate friend.

Mrs. Anna Scholten Edelman testified she read a matrimonial advertisement, answered it and says she soon was married to Edelman in New Rochelle last September. She says he took her to Chicago, where he told her his firm would pay her 8 per cent. a year on her money. She gave him \$400, "and next day he said he had received a telegram and must go right off to New York." She hasn't seen him since. Klee, she said, was his intimate associate.

Mrs. Anna Koller of No. 1001 Third Avenue, New York, testified she was married to von Wagner in Waukegan, Ill., and that he took \$500 from her. She, too, knew Klee as his partner.

Mrs. Martha Mueller testified she married von Wagner Oct. 22, 1905, at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, in East Third Street, New York. As soon as he found she had no money he vanished.

Recorder McGovern denounced the postal and Federal criminal officials for ignoring the case.

"These swindlers have used the mails to defraud scores of innocent women," he said from the bench, "and I can't for the life of me see why the Federal people can't take up the case and give these wretches their deserts."

Women Who Tell of Bigamist's Wooing, and His Alleged Aide



LAST TWO OF RAIDING FLEET REPORTED SUNK BY BRITISH

Wireless Report to Buenos Aires Says the Nurnberg and Dresden Went Down in Running Battle.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 10 (United Press).—The British fleet of Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee is reported to have completed its victory over the German fleet in the South Atlantic by overtaking and sinking the cruisers Nurnberg and Dresden.

The report was received here to-day in a wireless from Port Stanley on the Falkland Islands, which are British possessions.

According to the information received here six British cruisers were engaged with the Germans. Nothing is known as to the make-up of the British squadron, except that it was accompanied by one transport.

The battle which resulted in the sinking of the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig started in Argentine waters, but developed into a running fight which was carried into the high seas, and the German cruisers are reported to have gone down off the Falkland Islands. The German Admiral von Spee went down with his flagship, the Scharnhorst.

The British losses, according to the wireless report, amounted to less than one hundred killed and wounded. The British vessels were but slightly damaged.

The Germans tried to avoid a fight with the British fleet. Admiral von Spee was endeavoring to get out into the open Atlantic.

In addition to sinking the three German cruisers the British fleet captured and sunk five German merchant vessels in the vicinity in which the battle occurred.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 10 (Associated Press).—Wireless reports received here indicate that the German cruisers Dresden and Nurnberg, the survivors in the engagement with an English fleet Dec. 8, in which the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig were sunk, closely pursued by British warships, are fleeing in the direction of Port Santa Cruz, on the Argentine Coast, north of the Atlantic entrance to the Straits of Magellan and west of the Falkland Islands.

It is reported here also that the German auxiliary cruiser Prince Eitel is cruising in the South Atlantic and that she has on board 1,500 German soldiers.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—King George to-day sent a message of congratulation to Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee and the men of his fleet.

SIX GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED BY FRENCH IN ARGONNE REGION

Paris Reports Gains South of Arras, on Heights of Meuse and Other Points and Capture of Trenches Near Rheims.

BERLIN CONTRADICTS PART OF FRENCH CLAIMS

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Official and unofficial reports from Paris indicate that the German armies have been forced to give way at many points on the 200-mile line stretching across France.

Although the official claims of the French and Germans are directly contradictory as to the situation in the Argonne, where both make specific claims to gains, the French announcement gives many details of the fighting that are lacking in the Berlin statement.

Specific mention is made in the French report of the capture of trenches, of victories in artillery duels and of advances. These onslaughts have led to spirited counter-attacks by the Germans who yesterday are said to have made no less than six of these attempts in the Argonne.

The French War Office makes no mention of any reverse. It declares that near Le Quesnoy, gains of from 200 to 600 yards were made. In the Aisne and on the heights of the Meuse the French artillery mastered the batteries of the enemy and near Rheims French cannon compelled the evacuation of trenches.

Counter-attacks were repulsed near Perthes and in the Argonne. In the latter locality new trenches were taken by the French.

PARIS, Dec. 10 (United Press).—Brisk fighting continues in the vicinity of Ypres and along the entire line from the coast to Lille. Ypres has again been bombarded.

Another report is that the allies have taken full possession of Dixmude. This position has changed hands repeatedly.

The official report this afternoon says:

"The day of Dec. 9 passed quietly in Belgium, as well as in the region of Arras, where the enemy made no attempt at a resumption of offensive operations."

"Further to the south, in the region of Le Quesnoy and around Andechy, we made advances varying from 200 to 600 yards. Our gains were maintained and consolidated."

"In the region of the Aisne and in Champagne there has been no change. The German artillery, over which we gained the advantage during the last few days, yesterday evidenced increased activity, but was again mastered by our heavy artillery."

"In the environs of Rheims the heavy French pieces compelled the Germans to evacuate several trenches. This evacuation was carried out under the fire of our infantry."

"In the region of Perthes the enemy, by means of two counter attacks, endeavored to recapture the intrenchments which he lost to us Dec. 8. He was repulsed. The ground taken by us has been effectively protected."

"In all the Argonne region we have continued to make progress. We have occupied new trenches, repulsed with complete success six counter-attacks, and completed and consolidated the ground won from the enemy."

"On the heights of the Meuse there have been artillery engagements in which we maintained a distinct advantage, and this in spite of the very activity of the batteries of the enemy."

"In the Forest of Le Pretre we have taken some new trenches."

Berlin Reports the Defeat of the French in the Argonne

BERLIN (by wireless to London), Dec. 10 (Associated Press).—Today's official communication issued by the German Army Headquarters staff so